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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Jürgen RÖMISCH et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1654  
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Serial No.: 10/033,777 ) Examiner: Michael V. Meller  
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Filed: January 3, 2002 )  
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For: STABILIZED LIQUID PREPARATION )  
OF THE PROTEASE WHICH )  
ACTIVATES BLOOD COAGULATION )  
FACTOR VII, OR OF ITS PROENZYME )

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on October 23, 2003, and an Appeal Brief on December 18, 2003. An Examiner's Answer was mailed on March 9, 2004, and Applicants filed a Reply Brief and Request for Oral Hearing on April 27, 2004. On August 13, 2004, Applicants received a communication from the Office, noting that the Reply Brief had been filed.

Applicants expected that this case would have been made available to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences before the present time. Applicants contacted Examiner Meller on October 27, 2004, and confirmed that the Examiner was taking no further action on the case. Applicants also contacted Craig Feinberg at the

Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on October 27, 2004, who stated that the case has not yet been made available to the Board.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned agent respectfully requests that the Office advise her of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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